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PRESIDENT OBAMA ASKS FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE AT NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT IN HONOR OF POLAND'S LOSS

At the start of the second day of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, DC, President Obama opened the plenary session by asking the distinguished assembled audience to observe a moment of silence in honor of President Kaczynski and his delegation who perished in the plane crash last Saturday. Before the moment of silence, President Obama said: "This was a loss, not just for Poland, but for the world. As a close friend and ally, the United States stands with Poland and with Poles everywhere in these very difficult days. As an international community, I know that we all will rally around the Polish people, who have shown an extraordinary strength and resilience throughout their history. Our hearts go out to them. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We join them in this time of mourning. And I'd like to ask for a moment of silence to show that solidarity, and to honor those who were lost."

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